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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2015

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

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SB 320, SD1 (SSCR543) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS. Permits composting in agricultural districts if a special use permit is obtained. Restricts composting on lands in agricultural district with soil classified by the land study bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity rating class A or B to on-site uses using the lesser of one acre or ten per cent of the land. (SD1)	AGR, EEP
<u>SB 376, SD2</u> (<u>SSCR803</u>) <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO A FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. Establishes the Hawaii farm to school program and a farm to school coordinator position. Appropriates funds. Effective Date 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, EDN, FIN
<u>SB 774, SD1</u> (<u>SSCR833</u>) <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO. Creates a classification of agricultural public lands entitled "taro lands". Appropriates funds to the board of land and natural resources to create an inventory of lands classified as taro lands. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, WAL, FIN
SB 1040, SD2 (SSCR585) Status	RELATING TO FARMERS' MARKETS. Requires Hawaii fresh produce or items made with Hawaii grown produce sold at farmers' markets to be displayed with a label or sign containing an identity statement declaring the Hawaii produce's county of geographic origin. Requires non-Hawaii produce sold at farmers' markets to be displayed with a label or sign containing an identity statement declaring the produce "imported". Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)	AGR, CPC

AGR, FIN

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.

biosecurity projects. (SD1)

Allows for agricultural loans to be administered for livestock

SB 1060, SD2

(SSCR814) **Status**



SB 512, SD2 (SSCR735) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes the Hawaii one plan steering committee. Appropriates funds to develop and operate the Hawaii one program to provide conservation plans online. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, FIN
HCR 76 Status	REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.	AGR, FIN
HCR 95 Status	DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH" IN HAWAII TO STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT FARM TO SCHOOL INITIATIVES IN HAWAII'S SCHOOLS.	AGR, FIN
HCR 183 / HR 121 / Status / Status	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING THE PLANT QUARANTINE BRANCH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.	AGR, TRN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

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